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 Vernon G. Wong et al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
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 Serial No. 09/160,635) Examiner:
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 Filed: September 24, 1998)
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 For: IMPROVED FORMULATION FOR) Mail Stop AF
 CONTROLLED RELEASE OF DRUGS BY)
 COMBINING HYDROPHILIC AND)
 HYDROPHOBIC AGENTS)

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is submitted in response to a final Office Action mailed on December 04, 2003 for the above identified patent application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.